

In re: Slater, Jr. et al.
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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 16, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-123, drawn to a product. Applicants have canceled Invention II, corresponding to Claims 124-148, drawn to a method. This cancellation is being made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for these claims.

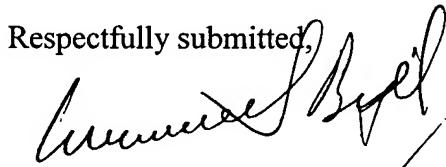
Applicants are not traversing the restriction requirement, because Applicants agree that unpatentability of Invention I would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the method of Invention II.

The title has been changed to conform to cancellation of the method claims.

A new section has been added to the specification to include a statement regarding federal sponsorship of the application.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-123.

Respectfully submitted,



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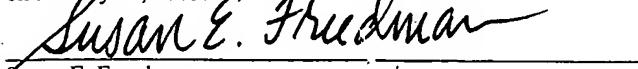


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